

I am against docket 05-235 because of its limited reach (Technician Class only). Having said that, it is my firm belief that the Morse Code requirement for entry in the HF portion of the amateur spectrum does little to serve the needs of the amateur service, and is an arbitrary and exclusionary in it's scope and intent at this point in time.

The purposes and need for such an action have long since gone by the wayside. To restrict access to the hobby on the basis of a mode of operation does not pass the common sense test. Some in the amateur community are in favor, simply because there are those who might turn the amateur band-plan into another CB debacle. Let me suggest that they turn their efforts into a better self-policing and improved training regimen to prevent that. There are also personnel out there, who through no fault of their own, are unable to learn CW telegraphy due to learning disabilities or other handicaps. Consequently, these deficits do not permit them access to the world-wide contacts primarily available through the HF spectrum.

I also believe that to open up the spectrum to others would increase not only the use of these frequencies, but would facilitate commerce related to the amateur service.

There are clearly more reasons for doing away with the WHOLE CW requirement, and for ALL license categories, than there is for keeping it. I AM NOT and DO NOT recommend that CW be removed as a valid mode of operation on amateur frequencies. The brotherhood of ham radio has a long a important legacy related to the use of the CW mode. I would expect that would continue, without regard to it's deletion as a licensing requirement.

I also hope that the FCC is not going to base ANY decision on any special-interest group who may not have the interest of the populace in mind, but their own exclusionary agenda.

I heartily recommend that the FCC remove the CW requirement for ALL licensing requirements, POST HASTE! This, I believe is in the best interest of the amateur community for the long term. Failing that, adoption of docket 05-235 is the next best solution. Thanks.

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